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THE UNEMPLOYED

It is surprising to read the figures on unemployment today—in the middle of what almost amounts to a boom. The latest government report, issued earlier this month, shows that there are about one and a third millions drawing unemployment pay.

Of course, a year ago this figure was well over two million. So, the situation is not growing worse, nor is there anything new in the latest report. But the point to be remembered is that, in good times such as these, over a million Americans are accepting pay for doing nothing. Naturally, many of these have honest reasons for being out of employment. But, we fear there are some Americans who are employment misfits, and have no shame at not working.

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DEBT LIMIT UP

Congress recently sent President Eisenhower, at his request, a bill which would increase the national debt limit to $295 billion. The old debt limit had been $288 billion.

The new ceiling is temporary, but this has meant little in past years. For example, the $288 billion ceiling which was in effect until the new limit was passed, would have expired and the ceiling would have dropped to $283 billion on July 1st.

The Administration and the Congress, instead of trying to reach fiscal solvency, keeps up a dangerous practice of deficit financing. It has reached the lamentable stage that Federal borrowing has required fabulous increase in interest rates in order to keep the spree going. We are in the sad state of having to borrow money just to pay the interest on past borrowings! The new debt limit is the highest in the history of the United States in peacetime, and with interest rates what they are, it means that the taxpayer has to come up with over $8 billion a year just for interest! This is an awesome drain upon investment and risk capital, and must not be allowed to continue. The Administration is now paying out more than ten per cent of its total income, just for interest! It is wild fiscal irresponsibility. We are paying nothing on our debts, but grabbing all the credit we can get hold of at any rate of interest demanded. It is an awful situation, and we do hope and pray that ere it is too late, common sence will come to Washington.

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YOU CAN DO YOUR PART

Every citizen of Appomattox can make a contribution to Democratic government. It is not by abusing Soviet Russia, the Communist Party, or Nikita Khrushchev. It is not by urging war or violence. All the citizen has to do is to make a fight on dictatorship, or whatever else anywhere, including home, that might keep democracy from working.

Wherever and whenever something keeps democracy from working, that something should be opposed. If America is ever destroyed, the chances are that it will be destroyed from within: by selfishness, greed and corruption; unbalanced budgets, pressure groups hurting fellow-citizens by hatred and lust for power; by carelessness and loose public responsibility. The good citizen has a tremendous responsibility, and his responsibility is in his own community.

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(Editor's Note: The following editorial appeared in The Progress-Index, Petersburg, Va., as a tribute to the late Miss Annie Mann, who was related and well-known here.)

"MISS ANNIE"

The sadness which her former associates at The Progress-Index feel over the death of Miss Annie V. Mann is shared by countless people who were associated with her in her various activities, and "various activities" is no mere expression.

We have no intention of attempting a catalogue here of her achievements, her causes, and her affiliations. Suffice it to say that she lived richly in the past, the present, and the future. Her loyalty to Petersburg and her interest in it were proverbial. Her vitality and her enthusiasm were extraordinary.

One of the most enduring memories of her is that of the Sunday bus tours which she conducted from the Union Street USO during World War II; whether the weather was freezing or scorching was beside the point. Her work for the establishment of a public library and her efforts to have Old Blandford Church

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There are many ways in which people try to have their cake and eat it too.

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Money is not worth all the bother, but we can't convince ourselves on the point.

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Devotional Reading: Isaiah 58:6-11.

All His Children

Lesson for July 19, 1959

THE "BOOK" of Ruth is a very short one. It could easily be printed in fairly large type on one page of a newspaper with room to spare. But it is a mistake to judge writings by their length, otherwise the Congressional Record would be the world's literary masterpiece, and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address a worthless trifle. As a story, the book of Ruth has a great charm. It is one of those parts of the Bible which we might call God's extras, something which could have been left out, but which, once we have it, we would not part with.

Dr. Foreman

Ways to Read Ruth

One can read this little tale of long ago just as a tale and enjoy its simplicity and beauty. Or one can find in it much sociological interest, what marriage meant in those far-off days, what provisions were made for the very poor, and so forth. One can also enjoy and learn something from the characters described in it, each one sketched in a few revealing words. The author is strangely modern at this point. Writers today seldom use adjectives (such as heroic, brutal, clever, or what not) about their characters; they just let us see them and judge for ourselves. So it is in the book of Ruth. But the way we propose to look at "Ruth" is this: the book shows with quiet simplicity how the very kinds of people many of us are inclined to look down on or shy away from, are God's children.

Plain People

There is another book in the Bible telling about the times when the characters in the story of Ruth were alive; it is the Book of Judges. It is full of hero-stories. But none of those heroes appears on the pages of "Ruth" and none of the characters in "Ruth" are mentioned in the tales of blood and battle that make up the Book of Judges. Apart from all the fame and the glory, apart from the people who nowadays would make the headlines, lived the simple farmers and poor people whom Ruth knew. You might get the idea from reading Judges that God is interested only in brilliant, exceptional people, great leaders and heroes. But the book of Ruth brings out the point, for the thoughtful reader, that God has just as much interest in the humble as in the great and famous. His children are everywhere.

The Foreigner

It was written in the Hebrew law that certain foreigners were not to be welcomed, not to be treated as equals, not to be married by a Hebrew. Moabites were especially to be kept apart. No descendant of a Moabite, to the tenth generation, was to be accepted as a member of the "congregation" of Israel. Yet first Mahlon and then Boaz married this Moabite girl. Boaz knew she was a foreigner, but his question was not: What is her nationality? but, What kind of woman is she? Boaz was one of those rare people who are kinder than any law requires; who look on people as individuals, not as members of a (perhaps hated) group. It is hard for us today to think of God as having children in Viet-Nam and Czecho-Slovakia and Thailand and other "outlandish" places. But he does!

In-Laws

The most impressive and solemn expression of the devotion of one person to another is found here in the book of Ruth. Strangely enough (some would think) it is addressed to a mother-in-law. How down-to-earth the Bible is! Many people think of in-laws as either away off yonder, a strange tribe, or else as an interfering lot when they live too close. They have status only because they are married to some of US. Nothing could be more absurd. God's children are your in-laws just as much as your "own" people. This particular in-law—or we ought to say, this pair of them—were closer, more helpful to each other and more understanding than their own flesh and blood. There may be undiscovered treasures among your in-laws!

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Washington Notes

Cut in Space Funds

Space agency officials are viewing with considerable concern a House budgetary reduction that they fear will force a drastic slowdown in the nation's accelerating space program.

The effect of the House cut, a spokesman declared, will be to slow the man-in-space program, reduce the planned schedule of satellite and space-probe flights, and defer development of advanced rockets and vehicles.

State Department Policy

The State Department has advised Congress that there is little prospect of a substantial expansion in United States - Soviet trade, and little reason for the Government to promote it. The department's position was stated in a reply to questions submitted last February by Senator J. W. Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas, and chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

U. S. Cigarettes Sought

American cigarettes continue to be popular abroad, Government figures show.

Nearly 5,000,000,000 United States cigarettes were exported in the first four months of 1959.

Resignation Urged

A demand for Paul Butler's resignation as Democratic national chairman was sounded recently, as Senate and House Democrats furiously replied to Butler's criticism of the Democratic leadership in the Congress.

September Draft Figure

The Army recently issued a draft call for 7,000 men in September, the same number previously announced for August. The new call brings to 2,463,430 the total number drafted for induction since the resumption of Selective Service in September, 1950.

Opposes Atom Pacts

The Federation of American Scientists has urged Congress to reject proposed nuclear - weapons pacts with NATO Allies.

U. S. technical aid to Egypt is resumed.

Bonn's President - elect little known until recently.

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U. N. chief offers plan on Suez dispute.

Cost of atomic plane is put at 10 billion.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

What are the best barometer and wind combinations for fair weather?

If you are an amateur forecaster, these barometer and wind direction readings will allow you to predict good weather:

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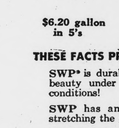

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Stonewall

Stonewall, July 14.- Tosy is a visitor here. It is election time everything goes the way for Democrat country.

We hear that Mrs. Addie is on the sick list. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Visitors from around here were Scruton reunion on ... in Buckingham, with Mrs. Gilliam and her family.

Revival is in progress at the Mt. Zion Church, with grand sermons and good preaching by Rev. Howard Smith, brother of Rev. Aaron D .Smith, pastor, Rev. Smith invited to attend. So ... Baptist pastor, Rev. ... and his family back ... attention. They were missed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith and ... Petersburg visited Mr. and Mrs. D. Carson on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carey Caldwell, of New Jersey, are spending a week here with relatives and to see them back ...

Mr. and Mrs. Hampton and ... Mr. and baby are visiting in Gainesville, Florida, with ... Brown, and visiting other ... in Georgia.

Mrs. Tye Cobb Drinkard ... Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. ... Richmond, Sr., of Lynchburg ... Beard and Lawrence ... Stephenson visited Mr. ... R. L. Caick on Sunday.

Mrs. Portia Jennings, Clyde ... John Davis and O. R. Turner ... on holiday trip this week in ... Carolina.

Mr. Hugh Branford left by plane Sunday for Chicago and other points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Tanner, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with her ... Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore and son, of Brookneal spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs .Melvin Moore.

Mr. Aaron Smith preached at Mt. Zion Methodist Church on Sunday, A. M. He was the dinner guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. ...

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler and ... Mrs. Don Kending and baby ... with Mr. and Mrs. Harold ... and boys at Spout Spring last ...

Mrs .A .B. Johnson, of Richmond is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. J. H .Beard.

Mr. and Mrs .Carroll Jennings have moved into their new home. We wish for this fine young couple much happiness and a long life together in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Sr., and Lee visited Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bethel and Mr. C .D. Drinkard on last Saturday night.

We are happy to hear that Mr. Thomas Davidson expects to return to his home near here today from the hospital, where he has been with a broken hip for two weeks. Mrs. Davidson is improving at her home, after being on the sick list for some time. We wish the best for both Mr. and Mrs. Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs .Tom Davidson and children spent Sunday with her parents, Mr .and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant, Sr.

Mr .and Mrs. C .D. Carson were in Lynchburg last Saturday.

Mrs. W .R. Strutton and Miss Edna Adcock, of Appomattox, visited in our community Sunday.

Rocks

Rocks, July 13.- We were so thankful for the wonderful rain last week.

Cottage Prayer Meetings were held on Wednesday and Friday night.

Dr. and Mrs .C. M. Farmer, of Troy, Ala., Mrs. Alice Jackson, of Richmond, and Mrs. Clara Garrett, of Evergreen were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Inge, Mrs. Kate Dinkins and Miss Gertrude Ramson were in Lynchburg last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs .W. R. Moore left Tuesday for their home in Montgomery, W. Va.

A large crowd was out last night to hear the Rev. Omah Burnette.

Miss Corrine Lefew, of Richmond is spending this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder.

Mrs. E. M. Almond is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A .T. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs .C. E. Richardson and family, of Salem, spent the week-end here.

Big international loan to Spain is near.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Times-Virginian,
Appomattox, Virginia

Richmod, Va.,
July 10, 1959

Dear Sir,

On June 30 we were vacationbound for Chattanooga, Tennessee, when my station wagon broke down twelve miles from Appomattox on Route 24. We called Mr. Harvey, who not only towed our car into Moses Motor Company, but sent his wife in his car to carry us (Mrs. King and the two children) to a motel.

We stopped at the Parkway Motel, and even though it was raining, Mr. Harvey and Mr .Smith, the owner of Parkway Motel, helped us unload.

The next morning, as we headed downtown Mr. Smith offered us a ride with him. Soon after our arrival at Moses Motor Company, the mechanic said we had thrown a rod, and it would take several days to fix the car. He promised to work Wednesday afternoon even though that was his afternoon off, to help us get on our way.

We decided to go on without the car and checked at the train station and also the bus depot. Mr. Woolridge, employed by the Greyhound Corporation, did a fine job figuring the best connections with a minimum of inconvenience to us.

When we returned and told Mr. Moses, Jr., that we were going to take the bus, he told us to use his station wagon until our bus left.

As our bus didn't leave until 2:-30 P. ., Mr .Smith out at Parkway said we could remain at no charge until that time. He also took care of storing part of our baggage that we weren't able to carry.

We returned this past Sunday morning and picked up our car from Mr. Moses' home and continued to Richmond.

Your town certainly could have done no more to help us than each person did. It was Southern hospitality at its best, and each one of you should be proud of being friends and neighbors. Both Mrs. King and I wish to express our appreciation by saying thank you publicly.

Sincerely,
George T. King, III,
1706 Broadmoor Drive,
Richmond, Va.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, July 14.- Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jamerson are the proud parents of a baby girl, Sandra Lee, born at the Virginia Baptist Hospital. Mrs. Jamerson and Sandra are home from the hospital.

Mr. Bill Lewis and Miss Nancy Lewis spent the day with Joe Vaughan on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lewis and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Vaughan on Sunday afternoon.

Revival services will begin at the Spout Spring Baptist Church on the third Sunday night. The pastor, Rev. W. E .Thompson, Jr., will bring the messages and Mr .Bruce Knapp will direct the music. The community is invited to attend. There will also be cottage prayer meetings in nineteen homes on Saturday night preceding the revival.

Ready Springs Baptist Church held an outside baptismal service on Sunday afternoon .Twenty-five persons were baptized by their pastor, the Rev. Omar Burnette.

Sympathies are extended to the families and friends of Mrs. Garrette and Mrs. Lloyd, upon the death of loved ones.

The R. A. of the Spout Spring Baptist Church has regular practices for their ball team. We wish them the best of luck.

Mr. Elliott Carson has been a patient at the hospital.

PAMPLIN, ROUTE ONE

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Clifton, Bobby and Tory spent the week-end in Stuart and North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Arrington spent the week-end visiting in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams and Dianne, of Appomattox spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meadows and family.

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